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THE OLDEST CHURCH

Santa Fe, N. M., in 1872, was visited by a severe storm and the triple tower of the Old Church was destroyed. It was rebuilt, as now seen, in 1888, and the buttresses built against the front. The Oldest Cemetery is seen in front with its adobe wall to the left. Chamuscado, in 1581, came as far as Tiguez, now Santa Fe, and left three Franciscans. In 1582 Espejo, with a small party, found that the Fathers had been killed. They soon all returned to Mexico. Onate in 1607, with his colony, joined the people of Tiguez, and made it the capital. It was then called Santa Fe de San Francisco.

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